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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 9-05-04

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	VH
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	M
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	M

BAKER RA:

Forecasted BI/ERC: 19/54

MALHEUR RA:

Forecasted BI:38
Lincoln Bench Fire is contained and controlled no resources on scene.

JORDAN RA:

Forecasted BI: 28

COMMENTS:

1 Vale IHC available.
11 SRV Crews available
Type 3 Helicopter (60P) ready for IA from Vale .
Type 2 Helicopter (6oEH) ready for IA from Vale.
1 (EDSD) assigned to the Andrew Fire.
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WEATHER:

Vale Weather:
Mostly sunny; Max temps of 69 to 81 ; RHs 16 to 26%; Valley winds NW 7 to 14 mph - Ridge winds NW 11-16 mph; Haines Index 3 Very Low; LAL 1; CWR 0 %.

Baker Weather:
Mostly Sunny ; Max temps of 71 to 78 except 65 to 75 ridges; RH 27 to 32 % :Valley winds NW 2 to 6 mph - Ridge winds NW 3 to 8; Haines Index 3 Very Low; LAL 1; CWR 0 %.

DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level): **A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.**

Haines Index: **A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.**

Chance of Wetting Rain (CWR): **The chance of an appreciable amount of continuous rainfall over a broad area, dropping at least .10 inches of rain.**

Energy Release Component (ERC): **A number related to the available energy (BTU) per unit area (square foot) within the flaming front of the head of a fire.**

Burning Index (BI): ***A*** **number related to the contribution of fire behavior to the effort of containing a fire. The value is a function of the Spread Component and the Energy Release Component.**